

D-152  
Concord Farm  
Taylor's Island  
1835  
Private

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Construction of this well built two-story, three-bay frame dwelling occurred during the ownership of Capewell Keene (1760-1842), a prosperous island planter who was listed in the 1840 U. S. census with ten slaves. During construction of the house a piece of molding, saved by the present owner, is signed by a neighbor, Marcellus Aaron (1810-1879) on November 18, 1835. At his death at age 82, Capewell Keene left his plantation, part of "Keen's Regulation" and "Keen's Enclosure" to Samuel Travers. Six years later, Samuel Travers and his wife Mary conveyed title to the St. John's Creek plantation to Solomon F. Kirwan (1814-1906), who maintained tenure in the property through the balance of the nineteenth century. Solomon F. Kirwan, a local judge and member of the Bethlehem M. E. Church, was a prominent planter in his own right holding around 700 acres during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. He is designated at

this site on the Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson atlas, and the farm complex included a wind mill in 1877. It was during Judge Kirwan's period of ownership that the farm was called Concord.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-152

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Concord Farm "Keene's Regulation"

other Solomon F. Kirwan Farm

### 2. Location

street and number 3846 Robinson's Neck Road not for publication

city, town Taylor's Island vicinity

county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Rev. Robert G. and Joyce B. Kirkley

street and number P. O. Box 10 telephone

city, town Taylor's Island state MD zip code 21669

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 168 folio 549

city, town Cambridge tax map 68 tax parcel 51 tax ID number 057171

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Concord Farm, also known as "Keene's Regulation," or the Solomon F. Kirwan farm is located at 3846 Robinson's Neck Road on Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story frame farmhouse, dated to 1835, is the only surviving structure, and it is located on an elevated ridge of land bordering a small cove off St. John's Creek. Supported on its original brick foundation, the two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame house is extended to the south by a story-and-a-half service wing dating from 1835 as well. A single-story summer kitchen, dating to the late nineteenth or early twentieth century, extends from the corner of the story-and-a-half kitchen. The house is partially sheathed with artificial siding, however, sections of the original bevel-edged siding survives exposed on the main block as well as the attached kitchen wing. The steeply pitched roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. The interior of the main block has been extensively remodeled with the removal of most of its original Federal inspired woodwork while the kitchen wing survives largely intact.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Concord Farm, also "Keene's Regulation," or the Capewell Keene house, or the Solomon F. Kirwan farm is located at 3846 Robinson's Neck Road on the southern side of Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay, single-pile plan frame house, built in 1835, faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. It is supported on a continuous brick foundation with a cellar under the main block. Partially sheathed with artificial siding, the exterior is clad with beveled edge weatherboards, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The main block is extended to the southeast with a contemporaneous story-and-a-half kitchen wing, which is extended farther by a single-story one-room plan summer kitchen dating to the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. When this property was surveyed initially by the Maryland Historical Trust in 1975 there were several early to mid nineteenth century outbuildings, however, none of them survive. A Kirwan-Tall family cemetery originally associated with this farm is located on an adjacent parcel to the southeast.

The northeast (main) façade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with the center entrance bay covered by a two-story, one-bay projecting tower added to the front during the late nineteenth century. The tower is supported by concrete blocks and to the front is a set of mid 20<sup>th</sup> century brick steps. There is a single door opening on the first floor front of the tower, and a six-over-six sash window on the second floor. The sides of the tower are pierced on each story by four-over-four sash windows. To the left of the tower is a bulkhead entrance that provides access to the cellar, whereas on the right side there is a diamond cross-sectioned cellar grille. Lighting the first floor of the main block are nine-over-six sash windows, and six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. The base of the roof is finished with an early nineteenth century boxed cornice.

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The northwest gable end of the main block is covered with artificial siding, however a concrete pad indicates the footprint of a former addition. The edge of the gable roof is finished with flush, and it is covered with vinyl. Piercing the roofline is an interior end brick chimney stack finished with a two-course corbelled cap. The southwest side of the main block is entirely covered by a closed end two-story porch, although exposed inside the porch is original beveled edge weatherboards and original sash windows.

The southeast gable end of the main block is pierced by another interior end brick chimney stack. The end wall also retains its original layer of beveled edge weatherboards, although the first story is covered by the contemporaneous story-and-a-half kitchen wing, which has its original beveled edge siding as well. Resting on its original early nineteenth century brick foundation, the steeply pitched gable roof is finished along its front and back with a boxed cornice trimmed with delicately crafted cove profile bed and crown moldings. Fixed atop the roof are gable roofed dormers trimmed with remnant diagonal beaded board flush siding and cove profile moldings. The dormer is fitted with a six-over-three sash window. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stack finished with a two-course cap. On the gable end, a section of an exposed brick firewall remains exposed with the brick retaining a layer of parging. To the right of the firewall is an scribed weatherboard with the name "Tall." A small window pierced the upper wall surface to the left of the chimney stack. The southwest corner of the kitchen is covered by the late nineteenth or early twentieth century gable roofed summer kitchen.

The interior of the main block has been remodeled with the removal of most of its 1835 finishes. A corner winder staircase was removed and a modern staircase was built on south end of the single room. Interior partitions were removed on the second floor as well and pocket mortises in the floor indicate their former locations. Surviving in the northeast corner of the second floor is a boxed staircase that leads to the attic. It boxed staircase survives with a four-panel door. The attic is an unfinished space with a series of common rafters stabilized by mortised collar beams.

The interior of the story-and-a-half kitchen has been left largely intact. The kitchen has a narrow transverse passage that runs across the southwest side so as to segregate the kitchen, which has an interior board wall sheathing, cooking fireplace and a corner, boxed staircase. The four-panel staircase door swings on HL hinges. The interior door and windows surrounds have a narrow Greek ogee backband characteristic of the 1830s. The fireplace is framed by a mid nineteenth century Greek Revival mantel.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates November 18, 1835

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, WJ 4/273, 19 June 1848, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>2</sup> John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 84.



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Concord Farm  
3846 Robinson's Neck Road  
Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 68, Parcel 51 19 acres

168/549

James A. Harris and Jean Ann Harris

to

4.12.1971

Robert G. Kirkley and Joyce B. Kirkley

PLC 159/281

Sidney W. French, Jr. et ux, Katherine R. French

to

3.1.1969

James A. Harris, and Jean Ann Harris, Montgomery Co., MD

PLC 129/47

Donald E. Matthews, et al.

to

8.3.1962

Sidney W. French, Jr.

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RSM 49/80

Ralph A. Adams and Elizabeth W. Adams

to

2.26.1944

Mauritz A. Hallgren and Elisabeth S. Hallgren

RSM 47/169

John F. Glen and Lenora Buttner Glen

to

5.24.1943

Ralph A. Adams

RSM 39/546

Mary E. Thompson, widow (now Mary E. Hastings)

to

7.1.1939

John F. Glen, Jackson Heights, N. Y.

JFD 34/685

Mary E. Dashiell and others

to

8.6.1936

Mary E. Thompson



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JFD 33/649

Calvin Harrington, Trustee

to

5.18.1936

Mary E. Dashiell et al.

\$21,075.00 Lot No. 3 "Concord," "Keen's Regulation,"  
"Solomon Kirwan Farm"

200 acres

CL 27/356

Solomon F. Kirwan, Sr.

to

12.29.1902

William F. Dashiell

\$5,000 "Concord"

WJ 4/273

Samuel Travers and Mary Travers

to

6.19.1848

Solomon F. Kirwan

"Keen's Regulation," "Keen's Enclosure"

being the land whereon the late Capewell Keene formerly  
resided, and also the land devised to said Samuel Travers by  
the Last Will and Testament of Capewell Keene

Aaron Farm Cemetery, Taylor's Island

Burial of Capewell Keene. died September 20, 1842 at 82 years old

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Kirwan-Tall Farm Cemetery  
Taylor's Island

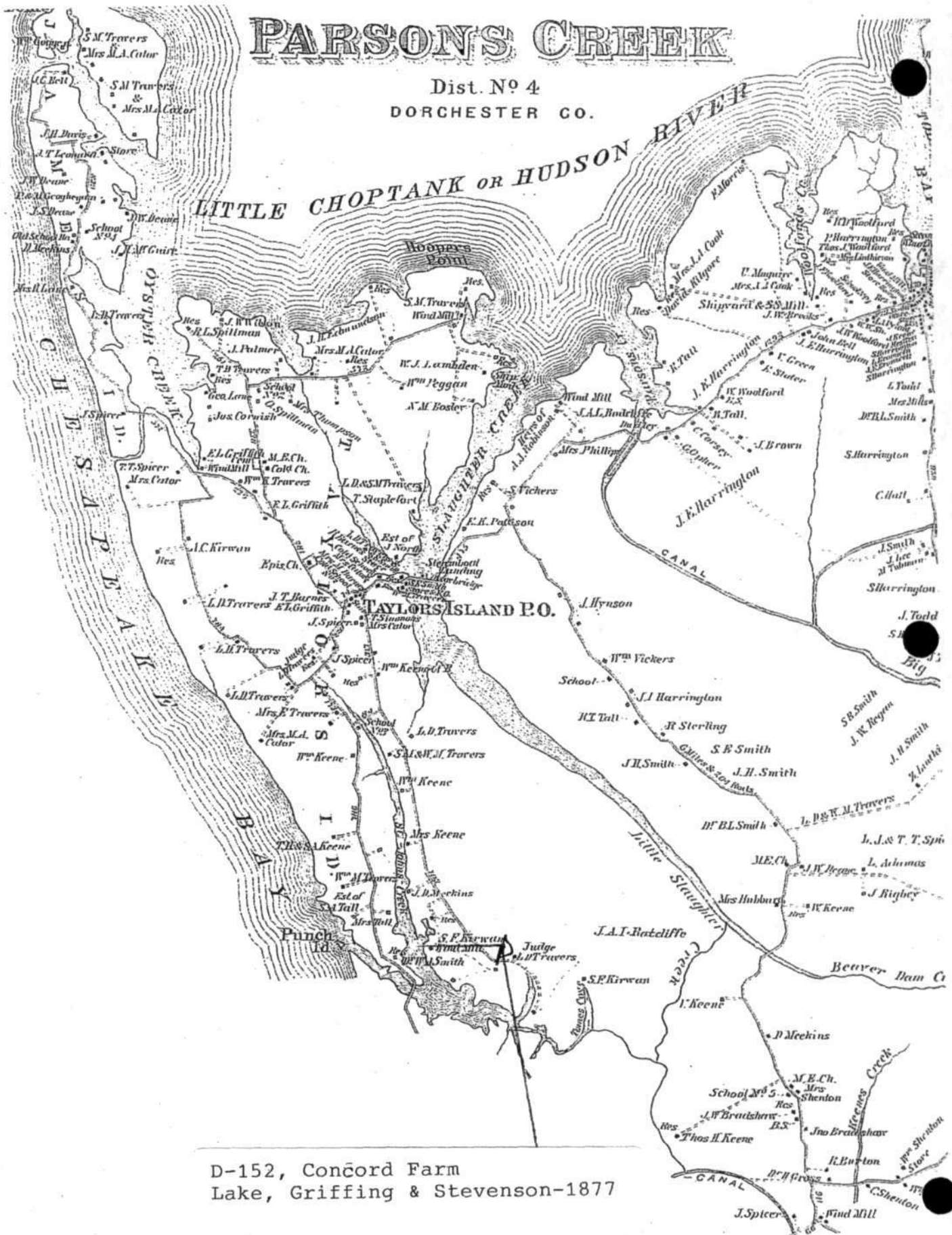
Burial of Solomon Kirwan, b. 6.10.1814, d. 4.10.1906.



D-152, Concord Farm  
U.S. Coastal Survey Map-1847-48

# PARSONS CREEK

Dist. No 4  
DORCHESTER CO.



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Lake, Griffing & Stevenson-1877

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse  
Interview with Rev. Robert Kirkley and Pat Neild, 11.10.2010.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 19.2 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 200 acres +  
Quadrangle name Taylor's Island, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

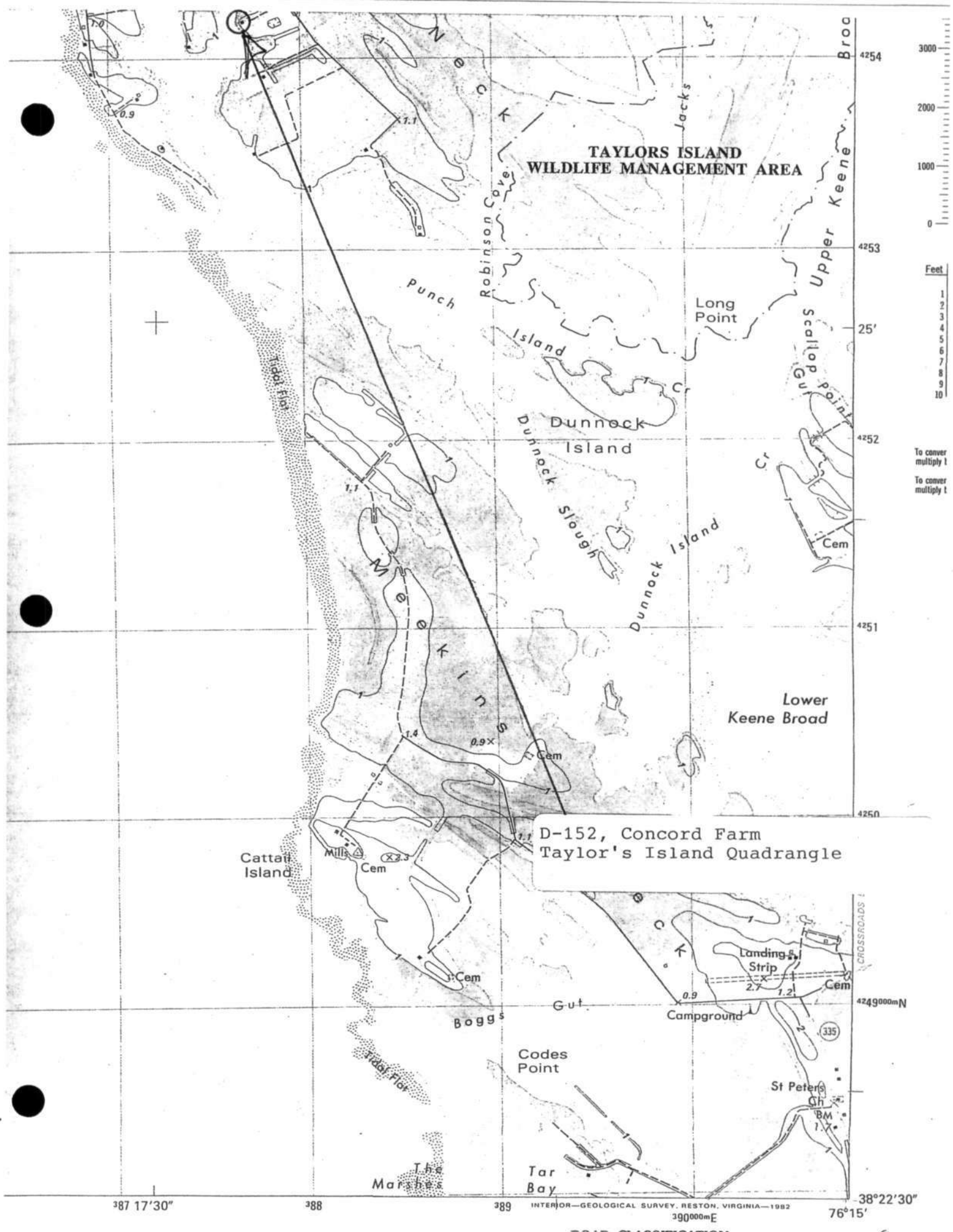
## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	11/10/2010
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



**TAYLORS ISLAND  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

D-152, Concord Farm  
Taylor's Island Quadrangle

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Concord Farm

Taylor's Island, Dorchester Co., MD  
Southeast elevation

11. 2010, Paul B. Towser, Pittsbr.  
Nat. / MD. Historical Trust

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Concord Farm

Taylor's Island,

DORCHESTER Co. MD.

COAST GUARD DETAIL on

11. 2010, Paul B. Tourney,

PITTS.

NEB. / MD. HIST. TRUST

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CONCORD KASER

TAYLOR'S ISLAND, DOMINICAN C. AND

CELLAR GRILL

11. 2010, PAUL B. TOWART, PITON.

WKG. / AND. HISTORICAL TRUSS

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: <u>Kirwan Farm</u>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Robinson Neck Road</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Taylor's Island</u>					
STATE <u>Maryland</u>			COUNTY: <u>Dorchester</u>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Robert G. Kirkley</u>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>P.O. Box 36</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Taylor's Island</u>			STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21669</u>
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <u>Dorchester County Courthouse</u>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>High Street</u>					
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cambridge</u>			STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		<u>21613</u>
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <u>168/549</u>					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is composed of a three bay long, two story frame structure built on a full brick foundation. To the south it has a one and one-half story kitchen wing, which has a door and window on the first floor and a single dormer on both sides of the 'A' roof. It also has a modern extension farther on the south and set slightly west of the kitchen wing, and newer extension across the entire rear of the main section. In front of the front door, that is the east door, there has been constructed a porch tower. It is constructed on a concrete block foundation. Its facade has a door with a window above and an 'A' roof which looks good proportionally for the size and scale of the house. The oldest portions of the house are covered with champhered weatherboarding. The first floor windows of the main section have 9/6 sash and louvered shutters. The other windows have 6/6 sash and no shutters. In the kitchen wing the dormers have 6/3 sash.

The main portion of the house has two chimneys enclosed within the walls and the kitchen also has one chimney enclosed within its wall. The backs of the chimneys on both ends, that is the kitchen chimney and the north chimney of the house have exposed backs and the brick is partially covered with plaster or concrete.

The cornice is a plain box cornice but both below and above are cove moldings, the lower being a smaller molding.

The house is situated off a small inlet off the St. John's Creek, a very attractive location. It also has three original outbuildings which are a dairy, a necessary, and a barn.

The necessary is a small two part pyramidal, rectangular structure. It has two batten doors very close to each other, they may or may not be original. The interior plaster has been removed. It looks as though the north half of the building was plastered all the way up including the roof, whereas, the south side looks as though it never has had a ceiling, because the nailers are white washed.

What I think is a dairy building, is another frame building constructed on brick piers covered with weatherboarding. It has a single batten door on the north side of the 'A' roof structure. There is a louvered opening next to the door and a louvered opening on each of the gable ends. There may be some old weatherboarding on the building though most of it appears to be replacement.

The barn is a very unusual structure. It is an asymmetrical catslide roof building approximately square. It has a simple rectangular frame held together by the bracing at the corner and joists at the level of the roof, which are visible on the exterior. These joists extend across the back plate approximately three or four feet and support from there a false plate which in turn supports the rafters which continue down further than the main plate. There is also a

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kirwan Farm is architecturally a superior building remaining on Taylor's Island, comparable to Patrick's Discovery. It is also of interest because of the presence of original outhouse, milk house and barn as well as the location of a windmill.

## #7 DESCRIPTION (continued)

member tying the lower plate, that is the north side of the building has a very low plate approximately five feet above the level of the floor. There is a single tie member extending from that plate into the main beam and also from that plate there are two other diagonal members which tie the back plate into the middle plate. This is one of the few buildings, perhaps the only one, that I have seen so far which has the floors pegged into the joists of the first floor. There is no flooring on the second. It is a very important building and should be recorded because it is in very poor condition.

The champhered clapboard is fastened to the frame with large cut nails similar to rose head nails but aren't hand made. The back door of the kitchen is original, it is a six-raised-panel door which has an ogee molding around the panels, similar to the house across the Creek, which dates from the early 19th century. It is one of the best houses on the Island of the period.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 4, Map 68, p. 51

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	March, 1975
STREET AND NUMBER:	
Shaw House, 21 State Circle	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland 21401

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

100 Braemar Drive  
Cheshire, Connecticut 06410  
July 15, 1980

Mr. Mark R. Edwards  
Historic Sites Survey Coordinator  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you for your reply of June 23, 1980 enclosing the architect's description of the Tall house. You request any additional information about residents that may be available and I therefore will attempt to keep my reply to one page. I also send comments on the Kirwan family and I already have the architect's description of the Kirwan house as you know. My grandfather Charles Grant Tall was raised at the Kirwan house from the age of four by his grandparents Solomon Franklin Kirwan, Sr. and Susan Ann Travers. His mother was Ann Levenia Kirwan. I also enclose a photo of the Kirwan house - *see reverse side* taken about 1935-40. Persons interested in detailed Kirwan family history should contact: Kenneth K. Kirwan, 450 Westena Terrace, Ridgewood, NJ 07450. I am also sending a copy of this information to the owners of the two houses as listed at the survey date, March, 1975. According to Ken, the Kirwan farm was known as "Concord" in the old records.

Anthony Tall and wife Elizabeth Coward, born circa 1618, and their two sons Anthony and Philip arrived in two ships in 1662 and 1663. There is evidence that they were sugar cane planters in Barbados and the small planters were forced out by the introduction of large plantations and African slavery in 1660. Anthony, Sr., had several land grants from Charles Calvert, Lord Baltimore, located at Tobacco Stick (now Madison) called "Anthony's Fortune", (see Liber #19, folio 339, Land Office, Annapolis), and one near Vienna - all part of 250 acres of the Manor of Nanticoke (see the file "Madison History" in the Maryland Room, Dorchester Co. Public Library, article on Tall Family History). Also, from Dorchester Co. land records (Liber 1 Old 40) a transfer was made on October 28, 1669 between John Hudson and Anthony, Sr. Part of the tract known as "Hudson's Desire", which had been granted by Lord Baltimore on April 1, 1668, consisting of 150 acres, was conveyed. As to Anthony, Jr., on November 4, 1672, Arthur Wright deeded to him 100 acres of land known as "Wright's Lott". This land was located on the Little Choptank River and Wright's Creek (D.C.L.R. Liber 3 Old 250). The second son, Philip, had land near Transquaking River further to the east in Dorchester Co. Refer to the aforementioned Tall Family History for details of descendants.

However, Philip had two sons, again Anthony and Philip, Jr., the latter had three sons, Anthony, Daniel and Philip III, the latter had five sons, James, b. March 8, 1752, Anthony, b. Dec. 10, 1754, William, b. March 6, 1757, Philip IV, Dec. 1, 1759, and John.

Anthony, b. Dec. 10, 1754, in 1781 served on one of the rebel barges - Intrepid, Success or Revenge - which patrolled the Chesapeake Bay for the Continental Army (see Jones, History of Dorchester County, p. 233, in the aforementioned Maryland Room). He had three sons, Thomas, Elijah and Reuben. Elijah (April 11, 1786-August 9, 1862) was rewarded by Congress as one of the 42 captors of a British raiding party - known as the Becky Phipps incident, the captured cannon stands at the Taylors Island bridge today - and later alone repulsed a British raiding party as described in the enclosed tombstone record (see Jones pp. 248-50 and Dorchester Tercentenary, p. 81, in the above mentioned Maryland Room).

Elijah Tall inhabited the south end of Punch Neck where the Tall house stands. He drove the raiding party out of Punch Island Creek firing from his property. He and Susan Aaron whom he married on January 28, 1808, eventually had twelve children and Thomas who is buried with Elijah and Susan at the Aaron Farm was the oldest. The 1877 map shows property at the south end of Punch Island as "Estate of S. A. Tall" and this is now almost entirely eroded. The Tall house is shown as "Mrs. Tall" but we do not yet know who that was but I expect to be tracing in the land records the ownership of the house from the last Tall owner to the earliest. As I've never attempted that type of search I do not know what to expect!

Elijah and Susan's seventh child was Samuel Allen Tall (May 24, 1824-September 29, 1868) of the above "Estate". He married AnnLevenia Kirwan(1834-September 29, 1868) on December 3, 1856. AnnLevenia was the second child of eight born to Solomon and Susan in the house directly across St. John Creek (Solomon Franklin Kirwan, Sr; June 10, 1814-April 10, 1906 and Susan Ann Travers, October 28, 1814-October 9, 1891) You will note that Samuel and Ann died the same day at a rather young age so we suspect an accident. They left four minor children who were taken in by their grandparents, the Kirwans, so due to the ages and same date perhaps it was a road accident? There is no family tradition to tell us and no Dorchester County newspapers exist for 1868. Mr. Edwards, is there any way to clear up that mystery?

The four boys grew up at the Kirwan farm "Concord": Wilbur Kirwan Tall (1857-April, 1889), Louis Solomon Tall (1859-October, 1889), Charles Grant Tall (January 13, 1864-July 23, 1933) - by his middle name you can tell where his parents sympathies lay in the Civil War - and Guy Hamilton Tall(1866-April, 1889). Wilbur K. Tall was Captain and Guy H. Tall was Mate of the three masted schooner B. B. Rokes which was three days out of Jacksonville, Fla., with a cargo of lumber for Baltimore when it disappeared without trace in the storm of April 17, 1889. Also aboard was Raymond Tall, first cousin (Democrat and News, Cambridge, MD, May 4, 1889, June 1, 1889, and November 2, 1889, and Baltimore Sun, October 30?, 1889). Louis S. Tall was Captain of the Frances E. Waters, a 100 foot two topmast schooner of 149 gross tonnage, lost with all hands and a cargo of shingles from Georgetown, SC, to Phila. in the storm of October 23, 1889, at Nags Head, NC(Democrat and News, November 2, 1889, and Baltimore Sun, October 30?, 1889, and the book Graveyard of the Atlantic, Stick, 1952, p. 122).

Measurements from the Kirwan house to the Kirwan-Tall graveyard: About 200 yards south of the house and about 300 yards west of the road in a grove of trees. It is enclosed by a wire fence.

Mr. Edwards, Solomon F. Kirwan, Sr., was raised as son of Solomon V. and Ann Kirwan at south end of Kirwan's Neck, Dorchester County (fifth of six or seven children, all boys) and it was also known as the Samuel Tyler farm. Last I saw of it all that remained were two chimneys from each end of the house still standing. Is there any description of the house? Perhaps it is not an historic site.

Thanks to the Maryland Historical Trust for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Don Tall*  
Anthony Donaldson Tall

## MARSHALL TOMBSTONE RECORDS OF DORCHESTER

HOLLAND ISLAND, CONTINUED

Graveyard so badly overgrown that it was impossible to get other inscriptions. Some PRICE tombstones.

KIRKLEY

ROBINSON NECK RD.

KIRWAN-TALL GRAVEYARD ON HALLGREN FARM, RUNCH ISLAND ROAD, ON TAYLOR'S ISLAND, TAYLOR'S ISLAND DISTRICT:

TALL, Samuel A., d. Sept. 29, 1868, in 44th year of his age, also  
TALL, Ann Levenia, wife of Samuel A. Tall, died on same day, aged 34 yrs.  
TALL, Alonzo, d. Feb. 12, 1863.  
TALL, Clarence, Feb. ---- (illegible).

On a tall shaft, four inscriptions:

KIRWAN, Susan A., b. Oct. 28, 1814, d. Oct. 9, 1891.

Also her three grandsons,

TALL, Guy H., aged 23 yrs. Lost at sea April 1889,  
TALL, Wilbur K., aged 32 yrs. Lost at sea April 1889,  
TALL, Louis S., aged 30 yrs. Lost at sea October 1889.  
KIRWAN, Eliz'th T., aged 2 yrs. (no dates).  
KIRWAN, Solomon, b. June 10, 1814, d. Apr. 10, 1906.

A new, low stone:

HALLGREN, Mauritz A., Md., Pvt., U. S. Marine Corps, World War I, June 18, 1899 - Nov. 10, 1956.

(He is buried in Old Trinity Church Graveyard; another tombstone marks his grave there.)

PATTISON FARM, JOHN'S FORTUNE, NEAR BUCK BRIDGE OVER ST. JOHN'S CREEK ON TAYLOR'S ISLAND, TAYLOR'S ISLAND DISTRICT:

KEENE, William, of H., d. Feb. 22, 1831, aged 63 yrs.  
KEENE, Catherine, wife of William Keene, d. 1849, in 82nd year of her life.  
KEENE, William B., b. June 10, 1806, d. Aug. 20, 1844.  
WOOLFORD, William, d. 1844.

LEWIS CEMETERY, AT LEWIS WHARF, DRAWBRIDGE DISTRICT:

LEWIS, Levin M., d. Nov. 17, 1900, aged 60 yrs.  
LEWIS, Sarah A., b. Mar. 25, 1860, d. Feb. 28, 1932.  
LEWIS, Carl T., b. Jan. 27, 1886, d. Jan. 27, 1923.  
LEWIS, Richard M., son of Levin M. & Sarah Marshall Lewis, b. Nov. 4, 1890, d. July 31, 1958.  
NEAL, Isaac M., d. Nov. 3, 1918, aged 60 yrs.  
NEAL, Laura J., b. May 24, 1860, d. Dec. 4, 1915.  
NEAL, Mary J., dau. of Isaac & Louisa Neal, d. June 28, 1893, aged 28 yrs.  
NEAL, Raymond, 1882-1938.  
NEAL, William E., b. Feb. 18, 1888, d. Jan. 27, 1942.  
NEAL, Nettie E., b. Nov. 24, 1890, d. Oct. 24, 1908.  
NEAL, M. Eva, b. Jan. 29, 1893, d. Nov. 8, 1918.  
NEAL, I. Herman, b. July 4, 1898, d. Aug. 12, 1921.  
NEAL, Louisa L., b. July 9, 1836, d. Mar. 28, 1916.  
NEAL, Isaac M., b. Apr. 1, 1826, d. Mar. 23, 1866.  
DORMAN, Robert I., son of Wm. B. & Lulu G. Dorman, b. Jan. 29, 1909, d. Jan. 22, 1918.  
DONOHO, Elizabeth W., d. Mar. 22, 1892, aged 82 yrs.  
McCREADY, Harriett E., 1859-1917.  
McCREADY, James A., 1849-1898.  
McCREADY, Calvert J., son of James A. & Harriett Neal McCreedy, b. Mar. 30, 1879, d. Nov. 25, 1961.

JOHN B. MARSHALL FAMILY GRAVEYARD ON OLIPHANT FARM, SOUTH OF VIENNA, DRAWBRIDGE DISTRICT:

MARSHALL, John B., b. Aug. 10, 1799, d. Mar. 4, 1856.  
MARSHALL, Sarah, wife of John B. Marshall, b. Aug. 18, 1794, d. Oct. 1, 1862.  
MARSHALL, Alice C., b. Sept. 25, 1871, d. Dec. 4, 1945.



OAK GROVE METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY, CONTINUED

SPICER, Lingan T., b. Feb. 8, 1869, d. Jan. 3, 1934.

KEENE, John F. C., b. Mar. 26, 1877, d. Jan. 20, 1944.

KEENE, Charles E., b. July 24, 1859, d. Jan. 8, 1951.

Large mound, unmarked (contains several graves), -- the  
BRADSHAW Family, according to Earle R. Keene.

SHENTON, Nelson A., son of Charles M. & Maggie A. Shenton, b. Apr. 18, 1870, d. Nov. 20, 1941.

A tall shaft -- SHENTON:

WALLACE, Sarah J., sister of Maggie A. Shenton, Dec. 12, 1843 -- Aug. 19, 1914.

SHENTON, Allen H., son of Maggie A. Shenton, July 3, 1874 -- July 15, 1932.

SHENTON, Maggie A. Wallace, Apr. 18, 1841 -- Mar. 24, 1918.

SHENTON, Charles R., son of Maggie A. Shenton, Nov. 14, 1865 -- Aug. 22, 1887.

PETTET, Winnie M., dau. of Maggie A. Shenton, Mar. 11, 1867 -- Nov. 26, 1900.

Erected by Phillip L. Shenton, Dec. 25, 1883 -- Feb. 10, 1936. Buried in Arlington Cemetery,  
Washington, D. C. Retired from U. S. Navy May 1, 1935.

HURLEY, James, b. Mar. 28, 1834, d. Mar. 12, 1922.

RIGGINS, Isabelle, 1863--1927.

RIGGINS, Samuel R., 1850--1930.

RIGGINS, H. Hicks, 1865--

RIGGINS, Addie E., 1876--1909.

RIGGINS, Geo. W., Mar. 25, 1861 -- Dec. 5, 1918.

RIGGINS, Hannah E., wife of John R. Riggins, b. Sept. 12, 1825, d. Dec. 20, 1877.

RIGGINS, John R., b. 1816, d. Oct. 27, 1899.

RIGGINS, Gorman J., son of John W. & Susan Riggins, b. Nov. 3, 1885, d. Mar. 22, 1888.

RIGGINS, John W., 1845--1924.

RIGGINS, Susie J., his wife, 1850--

SHENTON, John R., son of Henry & Eliza Shenton, b. Feb. 2, 1855, d. Dec. 7, 1879.

SHENTON, Eliza, wife of Henry Shenton, b. Jan. 2, 1812, d. June 16, 1897.

SHENTON, Henry, of B., b. Oct. 8, 1804, d. Apr. 30, 1873.

WALLACE, Sleighter, May 18, 1844 -- Sept. 5, 1923.

WALLACE, Elizabeth W., wife of Sleighter Wallace, Aug. 20, 1850 -- Sept. 27, 1940.

DUNNOCK, Samuel, (rest underground).

DUNNOCK, Levin, d. June 7, 1887, aged 53 yrs.

DUNNOCK, Lelie, d. Dec. 2, 1885, aged 4 yrs.

ADAMS, Julia A., d. 1881, aged 58 yrs.

WALLACE, Mrs. Willamina, aged 99 yrs., (no dates).

LEWIS, Mrs. C., (no dates).

NORTH, John Jerry, husband of Jennie North, aged 77 yrs., (no dates).

AARON FARM (PROPERTY OF MR. & MRS. EMMETT R. EWELL), ROBINSON'S NECK ON  
TAYLOR'S ISLAND, IN TAYLOR'S ISLAND DISTRICT:

AARON, Marcellus, d. July 3, 1879, in 69th year of his age.

AARON, John d. May 9th 1814, in 29th year of his age.

KEENE, Mary, d. Mar. 25, 1820, aged 58 yrs.

KEENE, Capewell, d. Sept. 20, 1842, in 82nd year of his age.

KEENE, Sarah, d. Jan. 25, 1809, aged 86 yrs.

TALL, Elijah, d. Aug. 9th 1862, aged 76 yrs.

Attacked and fired on a British barge alone and put them to flight in the War of 1812.

TALL, Susan A., wife of Elijah Tall, d. July 30th 1856, aged 66 yrs., 7 mos.

TALL, Thomas J., d. Sept. 22, 1842, in 32nd year of his age.

PARTRIDGE, Elizabeth, d. Dec. 30th 1817, aged 73 yrs.

PARTRIDGE, William, son of Aaron & Maria Partridge, b. Oct. 10th 1820, d. Sept. 13th 1856.

PARTRIDGE, Elizabeth, b. 1857, d. 1863. (Stone broken).

HOWARD, Sarah, d. Mar. 5th 1865, aged 77 yrs.

WILLEY, George C., b. Oct. 19, 1811, (rest underground).

OLD STERLING FARM, SMITHVILLE ROAD, TAYLOR'S ISLAND DISTRICT:

BURTON, Mary Jane, wife of Leroy Burton, May 22, 1838 -- Nov. 16, 1911.

STERLING, Dorothy E., wife of R. G. Sterling, d. Jan. 15, 1899, aged 70 yrs.

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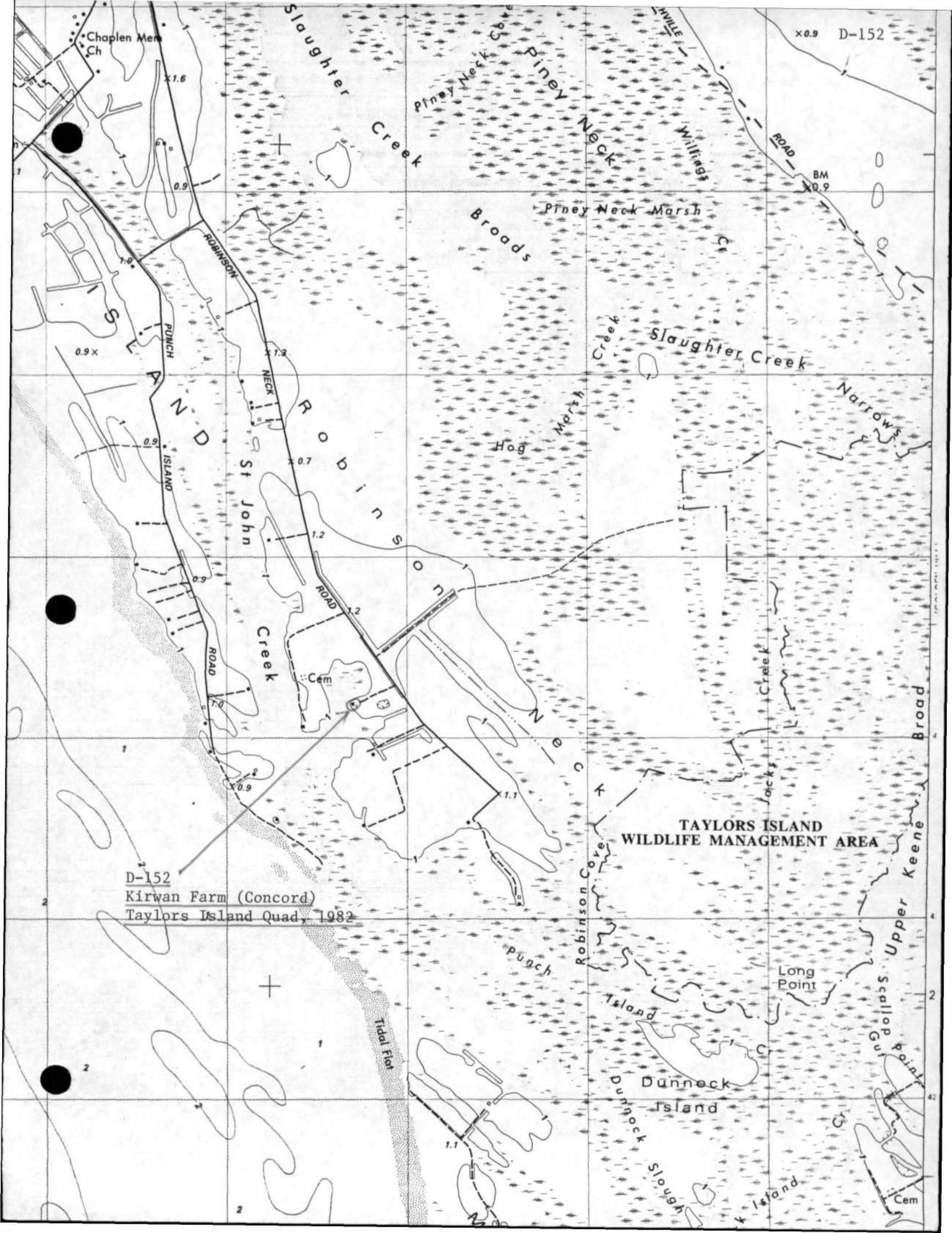
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CONCORD,  
the Kinman Farm,  
Robinson's Neck Road,  
Taylor's Island, Maryland  
- circa 1935-40  
from the waterfront